

Support for new Claims 35 and 36 can be found throughout the specification, including, for example, on page 11, lines 23-26.

Election of Species

According to the Examiner, the groups of species are as follows:

- 1) The dedimethylaminotetracycline derivatives of Claims 4, 5, 21 and 22;
- 2) The tetracycline derivatives of Claims 6-10 and 23-27; and
- 3) Structures A-P.

The Examiner requests that the Applicants elect a single species from among the groups of species. The Examiner provides an example of an election. "[I]f Species (3) is elected, then within Species (3), structure C is elected." (Office Action page 2, third paragraph.)

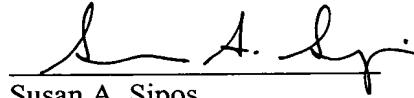
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Applicants hereby elect doxycycline within Species (2) without traverse. Claims 1, 7, 10-14, 18, 24, 27-31, 35 and 36 are readable upon the elected species.

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It is now believed that the application is in condition to be examined on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions that may be resolved through telephone discussion, she is invited to contact Applicants representative at the number provided below.

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